Ritchie's Manager Bars McFarland From Chance At Lightweight Title

Many Fighters Due To Mix Things Soon Fans Are Eager to Have Disputes Settled in the Bantamweight, Featherweight

and Other Prize Fighting Divisions. By W. W. NAUGHTON .

San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 25.—
Supposing that the rules and regulations for the fostering and furthering of boxing contests make it incumbent upon promoters to give special attention to the matching of such pugilists as the public wanted to see get tegether which would be the red letter bouts on the 1913 calendar? special attention to the matching of such puglists as the public wanted to see get tegether which would be the red letter bouts on the 1912 calendar?

This was the question put to the writer a few days are and it is not by any means a difficult one to answer.

Starling on the low register, the secretary of the premoters' protective association would write to inform master Johnny Coulon that he would have to commit himself to a real bantam champlonship match within a specified line or else submit to being placed on the retired list.

Coulon is Hard to Corner.

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Whether through inclination or stress of eigenmatances Johnny is harder to corner than a fies in a sand heap and it is high time that he was forced to too the man.

toe the mark.

There are quite a number of youngsters willing to take a fling at him,
among them eastern Frankle Burns,
and western Eddie Campi.

Finding an opponent will be one of
the easiest things in the collection once
Coulon in prodded into a fight "humor." And this ought to be done at
ence.

A hour between featherweight chamhour Johnny Kilbane and Johnny Dundee would find a place on the preferred list. It is understood, however,
that uncle Tom McCarey, the Los Angeles matchmaker, is attending to this
matter so there is no occasion to say
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Ritchic Due for right Soon.

Just as soon as Willie Ritchic has had a surfeit of the footlight glare patrons of the ring sport will clamor for a return match between the lightweight champion and Ad Wolgast. If, Ior any unforseen reason this cannot be arranged, a clash between Ritchic and Joe Rivers would fill the aching void squally as well.

It so happeds that the topliners do not mobilize the interest in the Hightweight class, which as ever, is the beat peopled division in pugilism. With Harlem Tommy Murphy, Joe Mandot, Leach Cross, Knockout Brown, Bud Anderson, Jimmy Duffy and others so close to champlonship rating that there is no teiling when one of them will command public backing as a challenger for the title, the fight handlers have splendid material to work on. Lightweight, conditions are such, in fact, that it would be a dunce of a promoter who could not select an attractive match.

And how about the foreigners? tractive match.
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tatives will not permit the east-

ern teams to walk away with the top honors in the next race, as they

and regain the prestige of former years when the Tigera, Cubs, White Sox and

This may be so, but it is not clear

Pirates divided the spoils.

Mehegan to be Considered.

Hughie Mehegan, according to inside information, did not peg back to any extent on account of losing to Weish. I had a letter from a man who witnessed the bout—a man who f know to be a judge of boxing and a fair minded sportsman—and he wrote me that he considered that Mehegan did the better work of the pair. He said that Mehegan, who was handicapped by the English rules, was aggressive throughout, while Weish went in for parlor boxing and safety maneuvers.

Mehegan, if he carries out his original plans, will come to this country soon and it can readily be seen that the arrival of the Australian champion will increase the interest in lightweight operations.

McCoy to the Forc.

MeCoy to the Fere.

By the way, a formidable rival of Mehegan has come to the front in Australia during Hughie's absence. This is Herb MeCoy, who some of the Australian critica have dubbed "a second Griffo."

Not all the sporting writers out you

Not all the sporting writers out yonder, however, subscribe to this view of
McCoy's eleverness. Some of them short
at the suggestion that a second Griffo
ever will be uncovered. They admit
that McCoy is sway above the average in boxing skill, just the same.

There is some talk of McCoy coming
to America, and if he puts in an appearance during the present year it
will mean added importance to the
bouts. With the other foreigners mentioned on the ground the promoters
should be able to map out events that
will result in producing a champion
whose prowess will be acknowledged
the world around.

Talking of matches that should be
arranged without delay, how about one
between Packey McFarland and Jack
Britton?

If for no other reason than to put

If for no other reason than to put a crimp in manager Morgan's tirade department, these men should be sent

The middleweights Are Silent.

The middleweight situation is one that needs to be approached on tiptoes and in stockinged feet. Never a clear, defiant yell has emanated from one of these fellows in a year, and from the look of things the leading 158 pounders have formed a "mutual forbearance society."

And how about the foreigners?

Welsh Clauss Title.

Freddie Welsh, who has bobbed into the limelight again by outpointing Australian Hughie Mehegan in England, is due to arrive in this country shortly if he has not put in an appearance alteady. Freddie is advertising himself as the "real, undisputed" lightweight champion and is doing so all unconscious of the fact that he is being laughed at for his pains.

In building up an argument to sustain his position Freddie says:

They substituted Willie Ritchie for Wolgast when I stood for them to box for the world's championship. I defeated Wolgast's substitute, which was soulvalent to defeating Wolgast."

This is ridiculously lame logic, but let it go. It is good for trade if noth-

More Recruits Join the Ranks of Yankees

Chance Will Be Kept Busy With Pitchers Who Have "the Moist Delivery," Keating, a New Twirler, Being Another Spitballer.

Neating and shortstop Jack stake his reputation that Keating will prove a real sensation if he does not suffer index.

Eastern Teams Figure On Walkaway

Western League Organizations in West Are Strengthening Forces to Mix Things Up a Little in the Race for the Pennant.

MASSACHUSETTS WILL TRY **NEW PLAN IN STAGING BOUTS**

By James J. Corbett Former Henvyweight Champion of the World.

"Inspectors" Will Make Notes and Decisions Will Be Announced Later by Commissioners-Rivers Is One of the Strongest Lightweights in Ring Today.

Massachusetts legislature to icgalize boxing exhibitions and to provide for the appointment of a state commission to supervise the sport. At present boxing is telerated in the bay state, although under existing laws the

holding of such an exhibition consti-tutes a crime.

To overcome the objections of those who oppose referees' decisions of those ground that they encourage gambling and are therefore a menace to buxing, a clause in the bill specifies that decisions are not to be made at the ring-side, he plan calls for the appointment of "inspectors" who shall attend all contests and make notes of the all contests and make notes of the points scored by the contestants, etc., and who must file these notes with the

and who must file these notes with the commission within 24 hours after each hout, the commissioners to later make public the "official" finding.

I have been given credit in the press for assisting in the framing of the Massachusetts bill. Whatever credit due is coming to Eddie Keevin, the Boston sporting writer, who has engineered the bill from the beginning of the agitation to place boxing under state control. The only assistance I rendered Mr. Keevin was to suggest that some plan be incorporated in the bill that would provide for decisions. Informed him that the "no decision" contest was unsatisfactory to boxers and patrons alike as a thorough test and patrons alike as a thorough test of it in New York state has demon-strated. The plan to appoint the in-spectors is Mr. Keevin's and in view of the fact that it was pointed out that the bill would likely be defeated if it called for ringside decisions, I ap-

called for ringside decisions, I approved the scheme when my opinion was asked in the matter.

My stand on the decision question is too well known to call for further comment here. I have contended right along that the New York commissioners made a mistake in ruling that decisions should not be given, and believe that the members of the board will come to the same conclusion before very long. However, should the fore very long. However, should the bill now pending in the Mansachusetts legislature become a law it will be in-teresting to watch how Keevin's plan will work out.

Although Johnny Kilbane, the featherweight champion, easily out-pointed and decidedly outclassed both Johnny Dundee and Eddle O'Keefe in Johnny Dundee and Eddle O'keefe in this city last fall, he failed to earn the good opinion of local critics. Those young men were practically unanimous in denouncing him as an imitation of what a title holder should be. Apparently taking their cue from the "experts" Gotham promoters have side-stepped Kilbane ever since.

If the truth were known, however, it would be found that the real reason of this long absence from New York is not

his long absence from New York is not due to a lack of appreciation of Johnny's fighting skill, but to a redominy's nighting skin, but to a feinctance of the promoters to "come
through" with the amount of money
the enampion demands and considers
in keeping with his dignity as, and the
drawing powers of, a featherweight
title holder. Local fight handlers complain of

poor patronage, but fall to realize that the falling off in attendance is due to their own fallure to provide attractive matches. All winter long there has been a dearth of good bouts. Many of the cards offered for the entertainment of New York fams would shame a "tank town" promoter.

But to get back to Kilbane, Although the Gotham clubs can't see him as an attractive card, the promoters across the bridge think differently. When

Martin have swelled the list of

New York American league club eligibles.

Keating is a husky young pitcher from the New England league. Martin is the same youngster who appeared at short field for the luckless Highlanders under Wolverton's command. Late in the season he was traded to Rochoster fer midget Tommy McMillan Just about the same time Frank Chance was first mentioned as a pessible successor to Wolverton the Highlanders traded back McMillan for Martin.

Great things are expected of Keating under Chance's administration. This rookie was the best boxman in the New England league in 1912. He won 26 games and lost but 11, finishing a very hard campaign with the fine percentage of 703. This wonderful record was houng up despite a bad start. Keating did not round into his true form until late in June. Arthur Irwin discovered the youth, and Arthur is willing to attractive card, the promoters across the bridge think differently. When the fact became known that Johnny would consider a proposition to box in New York, the Irving Athletic cluo, of Brooklyn, jumped at the chance to sign him. Evidently the Irving proofie have faith in his drawing powers as they have offered a substantial guarantee, which the champion has accepted by the way, to box Young Driscoll, a promising local featherweight, next Tuesday night. With all due respect for the opinion of the "wise" Manhattan promoters I would like to go on record right here that Kilbane breaks the Irving club's records for receipts.

receipts.

Leach Cross made a number of friends by the game battle he put up against Joe Rivers. There have been times when Leachie was suspected of a desire to "dog" it, but it such a thought entered his mind during the Rivers mill he managed to get it under control. But Leach had little choice in the style of fighting that prevailed in this bout. Rivers carried the battle to his man all the way and Cross had to fight to protect himself or deliberately quit. As a fighting "hot tamale" the Mexican more than made good.

the Mexican more than made good.

In discussing the bout with Cross, before leaving for Los Angeles, Rivers said that it was the first short contest be had taken part in for a long time. He is accustomed to the longer distances, and for that reason did not retigoling at top speed until the latter rounds. Joe also claimed that a bettyr understanding of the rules governing bouts in this vicinity will enable him.

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Compared with the manner in which Packey McFariand and Jack Britton have handled Cross in the past Rivers' work could hardly be called impressive, but it is not as an opponent of boxing that this youngster shines. He is more on the Wolgast type and depends on strength, hitting power, aggressive-ness and stamina to carry him to vic-tory. If he can maintain his speed and strength throughout a 20 round con-test and fight as fast and as hard as in the closing rounds of the Cross match work could hardly be called impressive test and fight as fast and as hard as in the closing rounds of the Cross match there are very few lightweights who can hope to beat him. He was as fresh as a daisy at the finish of the bout. Joe is one of the toughest and strongest lightweights developed since Wolgast, and, if Wille Ritchie had not fiashed so suddenly on the lightweight horizon, would very likely have been the boy to take Wolgast's title away.

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Billy Nolan again rises to announce that Willie Ritchie will not enter the ring before July 4, and that the next engagement will take place in either San Francisco or Los Angeles. He falls to mention the name of Willie's next opponent, but intimates that Packey McFarland can have the match by agreeing to make the lightweight limit. Knowing very well that there is not the slightest chance in the world

PAPKE "COMES BACK" IN RACE FOR TITLE



Billy Papke, the "Illinois thunderbolt," after having triumphantly emerged from the "has been" ranks by defenting George Carpenter, the French middleweight champion, is again among the leaders in the race for the world's middleweight title.

BOXING BOUTS SCHEDULED. January 25-Pal Moore vs. Harry homas, lightweight; Young Le Roy Thomas, lightweight; Young Le Roy vs. Joe Mooney, featherweight, New York Athletic club. Patsy Kline vs. Tommy Houck, featherweight; Earry Hill vs. Patsy White, featherweight, Johnsny Daly vs. Eddie Wallace, ban-lamweight, Royale Athletic club; Harry Donolue vs. Mike Mazie, lightweight, Liberal A. C. Patsy Callahan vs. Walter Mohr, featherweight, Gowanus A. C. January 17.—Johnny Dundee vs. Spec. Del. Hirsh, featherweight, Olympic A. C. One-Round Hogan vs. Bobby Scanlon, lightweight, Washington, A. C. January 28.—Johnny Kilbane vs. Young Drizcoll, featherweight, Irving A. C.

A. C. January 29—Leach Cross vs. Young
Shugrue, lightweight, Garden A. C.
February 1—Harry Donohue vs.
Wilhe Adams, welterweight, Fairmount A. C.; Mike Glover vs. Kid
Graves, welter weight, Marty Brown
vs. Charley Kiley, weiterweight, Irvling Athletic club.
February 7.—Packey McFarland vs.
Jack Britton, lightweight, Garden
A. C.

Itwice by Sweeney and once by Sterreit.
Another player who has halted thrice
another player who has halted thrice
when he tried to pilfer, was Martin, of
New York. The man who stopped him
was Henry, of Washington.
It was the clever benserunners who
were often thrown out. Thus Ty
Cobb was cut down 24 times, Clyde
Milan 31 times, Tris Speaker, 28 times,
Harry Lord, 23 times, and Eddie Collins
22 times.

A local club made Ritchie an offer to box the winner of the coming McFarland Britton match, but Noian refused to sign the papers. It is said by those who know Willie intimately that he does not fear the outcome of a meeting with either of these clever boys, but is bound in black and white to be guided by the shrewd Noian in making matches for the future. Of course, that matches for the future. Of course, matches for the future. Of course, that is a mighty poor excuse to offer, but it will have to suffice. If Ritchle retains the title until Nolan makes a bad match for him he will be champion for many a year.

I see where Jack Johnson has defi-nitely agreed to meet Palzer for the heavyweight championship, and that the date for the match has been fixed. the date for the match has been liked. Now all that remains to be done to clinch the bout is to secure the negro's acquital when his trial comes up. That may be an easy matter, and again it may not. Anyway there is little use speculating on the outcome of the match until it is a sure thing that Johnson can carry out his end of the agreement.

The question that has been raised as to whether Johnson has not already forfeited the title because American promoters have agreed to blacklist him promoters have agreed to blacklist him in the future, is positively ridiculous. It is not so simple a matter, this taking the title away from a champion. It would be fine for the game if Johnson were eliminated entirely, but the only place to properly do the job is the ring. While Palzer is hardly the man we would choose to undertake the eliminating process, still he is the best material that offers. Luther McCarty could have first call, but dodges the issue. Anyway let us hope Palzer is lucky enough to win, if the fight ever takes place.

SWEENEY'S FAST PEG STOPS MANY RUNNERS

Maskman for New York Americans Cut Down 114 Men Who Attempted the Raffles Act - Good Records Made. The seven best throwing catchers in

the American league last season were the American league last season were Carisch and O'Neill, of Cleveland, Egan and Thomas, of Philadelphia, Honry, of Washington, Schalk, of Cleveland, and Sweeney, of New York, these men causing damon baserunners like Clyde Milan, Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker to think twice before they set out to steal.

Carisch, who joined the Naps late in the season, had the highest average of men thrown out per game in attempts to steal—1.23—while Sweeney, who was a holdout when the campaign started, nevertheless entered the Hill-

started, nevertheless entered the Hill-top camp in time to flag more would be base stealers than any other marks-

be base stealers than any other marksman in the American lengue.

He cut down 114 men, who attempted
the Baffles act. Stanage, of Detroit,
ran a close second to Sweeney in the
numeb of athletes he killed off who
were out to filch bases, nalling 113.
Sweeney's record, however, looks much
superior to Stanage's when it is considered that the New Yorker played in
110 games to the Dteroiters 113.

The poorest throwing catcher, ac-

The poorest throwing catcher, according to carefully compiled records, was Paddy Livingston, of Cleveland. He stopped only nine thefts in 19 contests, an average of 0.47 the game. Other poor pergers were Kocher, of Detroit, Williams, of New York, and Easterly, who held situations with both Cleveland and Chicago.

The greatest number of men throws

out trying to steal in a major league is, according to statisticians, seven. Charles ("Duke") Farrell got this number of victims when he was catching for the Washington Nationals in the late nineties. Farrell will help coach the Boston Red Sox pitchers this year.

Another veteran now drawing salary from an American league club, who from an American league club, who established a major league record in nipping base runners, is Jim McGuire, of the Tigers. When he was with Brooklyn in 1900 he saved a game for the Superbas by picking three men of the bases in one inning. This feat never has since been duplicated. If Tris Speaker, who was voted by the Chalmers jury of newspaper experts the best player in the American league, was asked his opinion as to which club possessed the Best staff of throwers in the junior organization in 1912, he would probably reply New York. The reason for such an answer might be found in the running account

of the game played between the High-landers and the Speed Boys on June 22, when Speaker, who thrice started to steal, was cut down each time— twice by Sweeney and once by Sterreit, another player who has halted thrice

McGraw Is Glad That Yankees Have Chance

New Manager of the Highlanders Is Expected to Arouse Interest of Fans and Make Profits Larger for all Major League Teams. -BY W. J. MacBETH. -

TEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 25 .- Frank Chance, the new manager of the Highlanders, should revolutionize major league baseball in Greaten New York, Heretofore the Glants have

New York. Heretofore the Ghants had things too much their own was even for their own good.

It is indeed a peculiar city in the generation of mad sport that will have the company of the

Poor Showing by Highlanders.
For the somewhat constrained enthusiasm the Hill tribe has been to blame. Farrell's forces have been doling business in this ballwick for 10 seas one, and in all that time figured seriously in the final reckoning bus twice. Under Clark Griffith in both 1904 and in 1905 the Kilties were just barely nosed out by Boston and Chicago respect fyely. In 1904 the brave fight was overshadowed because the Polo grounders won the pennant. The disappointment in 1908 was doubly keen because that year the Giants proved the greatest disappointment of history and finished fourth, when everyone expected the in to cop a third straight flas.

Every other year, without exception, the Giants laid it away over their rivals. It is true that the two local teams finished second in dither league in 1916. The Giants were a much better second than the Yankyes, however, and vindicated their dail is to distinction by trimming the medican leaguers in the only season series ever played by the local rivals. So, faltogether, the Giants have been one continual success while the Highlanders have been a continual disappointment.

MeGraw Welcomes Chance.

The condition of affairs has hurt both teams—the American, of course, far the more, McGraw was one of the happiest men in the country when he learned that Frank Chance had been engaged to manary his rival.

"It will be the American of baseball in New York," sall McGraw. "I am glad Poor Showing by Highland

"It will be the calvation of baseball in New York," said McGraw. "I am glad that Chance is coming, for I consider him one of the greatest managers in all baseball lastery. He cannot fail to

Graw concluded, "we did not do nearly so well as we would should. We would come home after a trip of triumph expecting record crowds only to find that the public had forgotten us in our absence. The class of ball furnished by the opposition was so mediocre that the fans drifted away to some other aort of amusement—golf, tennis, bathing and the like. I wish Chance every success. The better he does the better it will be for me." will be for me.

will be for me."

New Epoch in American League.

Hunch followers are getting aboard the Highlanders as a good thing for the current year. The advent of Chance marks a new epoch in local American league circles. Under his management the team will train in Bermuda. This will be the first time that the club has overlooked Georgia, which has come to be regarded as a Jime. Bermuda, according to the very best accounts, should prove a welcome change fram Dixie land. The climate f. superis and unvarying. Baseball may be supplemented by bathing, bicycling and golf. But best of all the team will be properly fed. Frank Farrell has chartered a hotel, which will be occupied excitatively by his athletes. Special cooks, chefs, waiters and domestic beip will be shipped down from New York to look after Chance's athletes. For practice games the Killies will have Jersey City, the team that trained at the Island a year ago and which came back in perfect shape.

Chance will have the greatest incentive of his life to build up a championship array on the ghost of Farrell's rank tallenders. So much is expected of him that his lot may be a bit hard at first. It must be borne in mind that the Peerless Leader is coming to a strange company. It will take him some time to get his bearings. But no one doubts his ability and everyone is as confident as Chance himself that exentually the Highlanders will be as much a factor as the long established and deserving Giants.

To hasten the day will be the aim of "Husk" Chance. For when the time comes that New York can boast two reality great teams just so much quicker will open an avenue for really great sporting classics. There is no reason under such circumstances why the local rivals should not meet each spring in an exhibition series for the championship of New York. Such games would prove far more entertaining and baneficial than barnstorming through the "brush."

Dodgers Will Also Benefit. Charles H. Ebbets, too, is likely to headily by the posting of Thance. Char-New Epoch in American League.

him one of the greatest managers in all baseball history. He cannot fail to improve the American league here. And that will be a great thing for me. It will prove the greatest incentive of my life. For it will make me work with renewed energy to maintain the supremacy of my league against the man who has proved for many years my greatest stumbling block.

"More than that," continued Mac. "It will help the game in every city in both major leagues. New York is a vital pivot, Put two championship possibilities here and both circuits will reap a harvest. I admit with all humility that I have been quite successful in New York in returning dividends to the interests which I represent. But the earnings of my club would have been much greater had the American league diub in New York been as strong every year as it was in 1904 and 1998.

"Why the past couple of years" Mc-

Jácobsen Has Chance To Land With Giants

Big Recruit Remembered Instructions Given to Him by McGraw and Made So Good With Mobile That He Will Be Tried Out Again at Marlin Camp.

N EW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 25.—Down cal club and resulted in an extra in-

tious, and he will strive as never before to gain the position on the Giants' team that he has made up his mind to get. When he reported in Marlin, Tex... last spring for training and a try-out he was about the most ungainly and unpromising looking recruit that any manager ever had suring on him for development. He was a mountain in size, lumbersome and clumsy in action and with a Scandanavian type of face that gave as much promise of mental activity or balance enough to grah a new thought and hold it as a dead

But Jacobsen is of the stuff that used to make the vikings of oid—his ances-tors—and he showed pluck, gameness and stamina, also a mind that could grasp all the knowledge of baseball that manager McGraw tried to Instil into it, and then searched for more.

Jacobsen was sent on to Mobile about the time the Giants broke camp

at Marlin and headed for the north on at Marlin and headed for the north en their annual exhibition game pilgrimage. "Big Bill!" was awaiting anxiously the arrival of the New Yorkers in Mobile and was "loaded for fair,"
Bill wanted to show McGraw and his old training camp associates that a mistake had been made in turning him loose, and he came as near doing so as any discarded recruit ever did. so as any discarded recruit ever did.

Bad weather and wet grounds pre-vented but one game being played be-tween the National longue champlona and the Mobiles, but that was the con-test that Demarce pitched for the lo-

in Mobile the baseball fans are confidently expecting "Big Bill"

Jacobsen to "nuke" the Giants' regular team and a permanent sit, thereon, no matter who the rival candidates may be with whom Bill will have to fight it out for the outfield berth.

"Big Bill" is nothing if not ambitious and he will strive as never bevorted around his pasture, threw the ball and walloped the sphere, would have done great credit to a Cobh or a

Bill tossed a runner out at the plate, smothered another at third, made several great catches, three safe hits and otherwise exploited himself in a way that firmly established himself as a

popular favorite in the gulf city for the balance of the season. But what was of much greater mo-ment and satisfaction to him was the fact that McGraw said to him after the game: "I see you have made good use game. "I see you have made good use of what you were taught in Marlin. You keep up your good work and you will be a sure enough Giant next year. You are one of the kind of players I want. You were anxious to learn, and I can see you have remembered them. Get me Bill?"

There is no doubt at all that those words of praise and encouragement influenced Jacobsen to renewed efforts, and were the means of his recall to the champions and given a better chance this spring for a permanent hig league

The big youngster's development this spring will be watched with lively interest, because of the fact that McGraw has said that it will be a case of the players, either veterans or youngsters, who show up the best, who will secure

CLABBY GETS DECISION OVER BAKER AT DENVER.

OVER BAKER AT DENVER.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 25.—Jimmp Clabby of Milmaukee, was awarded the decision over Howard Baker of Boulder, Colo., at the end of a 10 round bout here last night before the Denver Athlefic club. Clabby had an advantage in every round, knocking the Coloradoboy down in the second and third rounds. Baker claims to have broken his right hand in the first round. In the curtain raiser Kiscus Lub of Deaver, and Kid Williams of New Mexico, went six rounds to a draw.

POLO PLAYERS GET READY FOR MIDLAND TOURNAMENT

Midland, Tex., Jan. 25.—A number of prominent polo players and trainers of polo ponies have arrived in Midland for the winter polo season. Daily prac-tice games are now being held for the approaching tournament in Pebruary.
G. H. Corle, of Philadelphia, E. H. Leach, of Virgioia, and C. A. Gane, of Dallas, have been here several days with their strings of ponies. Lawrence Rumsey, a wealthy sportsman of Buffalo, N. Y., has also arrived.

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TEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 25. -Western critics predict that their big league represences will not permit the east-teams to walk away with the western clan is due to take a brace Shafer Is Slated To Succeed Fletcher As Short For the Giants Next Season



The most significant change in the New York Giants' lineup for the coming season made by manager McGrath thus for is the putility of Arthur Shafer in the place of Fletcher at short. The baseball experts who have been watching Shafer say that he will prove to be one of the actson's stars, The picture on the left shows Shafer just affer he had swung at the ball. He is thought to pursean the keenest builting ere of any player in the league. The other view shows Shafer waiting at the plate. He is one of the best little walters in the business. Getting the pitcher in a hole is his favorite diversion

This may be so, but it is not clear why they reason that way, especially so far as it concerns the American learners. From the prezent outlook it will be a tough summer for the western half of the Johnson circuit. Every one of the intersectional campaigns resulted overwhelmingly in favor of the east last season. The Naps, Tigers and Browns dropped by the wayside early in the race; and the White Sox, too, crumbled after making the early season spurt. All of these teams are in the state of being reorganized now and it will take them some time to get into their stride. On the other hand, the eastern clubs which had the race all to themselves will remain practically unchanged. The Red Sox will take the field with the same lineup that captured the world's champlonship. Stafit has announced that he will make no changes, as he does not see where he can improve upon the oresent outfit. The Senators will also rely on their old battle array, which was good enough to make them the senastion of the 1912 campaign. Oriff may make a change in the outfield, but it will not be a radical one. There is little Connie Mack has to worry him quiside the pisching staff, and with Coombs, Bender and Plank going right his task will be easy. Bender and Coombs were never in shape last year's showing. The advent of Frank Chance is expected to make a first division team of the Yankees, the only weak sister of the eastern bunch. Under the guid-Special Rates During the Halldays. DRAUGHON'S SUSINESS COLLEGE R. F. Davis, Manager.